

## Getting to Bidston Lighthouse

### Address

3 Lighthouse Cottages  
Wilding Way  
Bidston Hill  
Wirral  
CH43 7RA  
Phone: (0151) 653 7816

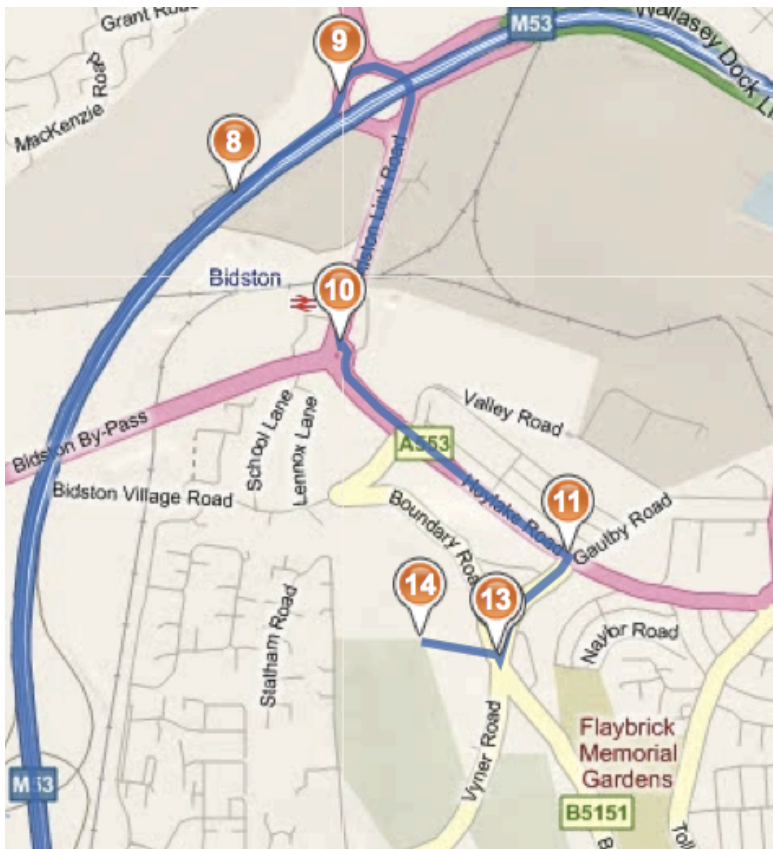
Note that the road name “Wilding Way” was only registered in May 2013, and it may take some time before it appears on street atlases and digital maps.

### By Car

**Warning!** Entering the postcode CH43 7RA into your satnav or mapping tool may take you to Eleanor Road, which is on the other side of the hill. One that does get it right is the RAC RoutePlanner:

<http://www.rac.co.uk/route-planner/>

Here’s a screenshot from RAC RoutePlanner showing the final approach from the M53.



Driving along Hoylake Road, you should see a church on your right, at the corner of Worcester Road. Turn right into Worcester Road (11).

Proceed uphill for a few hundred yards, then turn right into Boundary Road (12). If you miss the turn, you’ll find yourself on Vyrer Road and should turn around.

Almost immediately, you should turn left into a narrow, private road, heading uphill, signposted “Wilding Way”. It also has a smaller sign, intended for pedestrians, labelled “Public Footpath to Eleanor Road” (13).

Drive up the hill all the way to the end. You’ll see Bidston Lighthouse on your right (and

the Observatory on your left). Our cottage is at the rear of the lighthouse. Drive slowly around the lighthouse (clockwise), then park near the porch to Number 3. You can also park on the tarmac near the lighthouse by the disused gate in the wall. Knock, shout loudly, or telephone to announce your arrival. On a good day, the doorbell might work too.

## By train

Bidston Lighthouse is roughly the same distance from two stations, Bidston and Birkenhead North. Both stations are on the Wirral line, which links Liverpool stations to West Kirby, New Brighton and Chester. Bidston is also on the Wrexham line.

Trains from Liverpool to Birkenhead North (8 per hour, weekdays) are twice as frequent as trains to Bidston (4 per hour), because every other train goes to New Brighton instead of West Kirby, and Bidston is on the West Kirby branch.

From either station, allow 20-30 minutes for the uphill walk to the lighthouse. The prettier walk is from Bidston Station via Boundary Road.



Figure 1. View of Bidston Lighthouse from the private road. Number 3 is out of sight at the rear.